

SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

We come now to the beginning of the second round with Weston enjoying a nice handy lead of three points and having a goal average of over 5, having only conceded 9 goals in 9 matches. A very good performance and effort.

All games will be played on Sunday and one of the most attractive matches will be at Edgeworth when Young Wallsend meets Jesmond. Two points separate the two teams and on paper they should have very little between them. Jesmond due to the experience they have gained, could be a little too much for the younger Young Wallsend team.

Dudley-Redhead meets Merewether Club and with 8 points separating the two seats area, it is hardly worth this forecast, but sometime the unexpected does happen.

Pan Hellenic will meet Charlestown and here again we have a large difference between the two teams on points and I doubt whether a man can expect Charlestown to defeat Pan Hellenic.

Kearsley journeys to Newcastle and you have to watch these Coalfield fellows a little quietly as one never

knows what they are going to do next but they should gain another two points on Sunday, despite their defeat of last weekend.

Belmont-Swansea journey to Weston and whilst trailing Weston on 7 points, Belmont-Swansea will fully extend Max Hamilton's boys, but the greater experience of the Weston players should be a little too much for the Belmont-Swansea players in the final stages and Weston should maintain their undefeated record.

In the Third Division competition we had nine rounds of fixtures without a drawn game and then in the tenth round, awards were made with two drawn fixtures.

The Saturday fixture this weekend should be one of the most attractive fixtures if not the most attractive of the round for Toronto Diggers are opposed to Macquarie Wanderers. The Diggers have played one more game than the Wanderers but are only leading them by one point. Macquarie Wanderers however have a more impressive goal average, 46 for 11 against compared with Toronto Diggers 26-15, so if one took this

as a yardstick, Macquarie Wanderers should have a comfortable win, but the Toronto ground is tricky and should be worth at least two goals to the home team which would then make this any body's game with Macquarie Wanderers just favoured slightly.

Barnsley will be opposed to South Wallsend and here we should have another close grim struggle with very little if anything between the two teams. I favour South Wallsend by a very narrow margin.

The two wooden spooners meet on Sunday when Teachers' College plays Stockton and this match may easily determine the team to be relegated at the end of the season. Figures give Teachers' College a slight advantage but it is so slight it could easily go the other way.

Nelson Bay meets Tech. College and they should have no difficulty in recording another win, thereby ensuring their second or third position on the premiership table.

Bellbird journeys to The Entrance and whilst they will feel the resistance of the home team stiffened,

they should have no difficulty in returning home with the two points.

This weekend concludes the first round of fixtures in this Division and with four points covering six teams in the premiership table it has become a very interesting competition wherein interest should increase as the second round progresses.

Who is the Secretary of a 1st Div. Club who is reported to have become so excited and jumped so high when his team recorded their first win of the season, that it is reported he suffered a sprained ankle on landing? (No prize for the correct answer).

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WALLSEND v. ADAMSTOWN
Referee: W. Jones. Linesmen: J. Carlin, C. Jack.

MAITLAND v. LAKE MACQUARIE
Referee: F. Myles. Linesmen: H. Hall, A. Roberts.

Well, what do y'know!
The panjandrums in Sydney Soccer have at least heard that Soccer is played in the North!

They are considering, we are told, a resumption of the annual North-South matches and, what is more, are quoted as most graciously saying, "Of course, some of Australia's greatest footballers came from the North."

No one would have thought it, considering what has been happening in recent seasons.

One Sydney official is quoted as saying: "I understand feeling is running the stranglehold on Soccer by Sydney clubs, and so a resumption of the North-South matches would bring the districts together again."

My, my! Goodness, gracious me!

Such largesse; so many crumbs from the master's table!

Seems to me the "Northern Soccer News" is being read — and heeded — in Sydney Soccer circles.

But DO take notice, won't you, that the official admits there exists a "stranglehold on Soccer by Sydney Clubs". What else could he do, for it is true. In fact, we feel like saying: "I told you so".

We've pointed out the fact often enough.

If Sydney anwts to play us, I dare say the Northern Soccer League could, at its convenience, find a date for a match. And I say at the League's convenience, because Sydney interests have kept us waiting long enough.—P. McK.

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Last Week's Results

FIRST DIVISION.—Saturday: Adamstown 3, Cardiff 1; Sunday: Newcastle Austral 3, Wallsend 1; Maitland 0, Cessnock 3; Awaba 3, West Wallsend 1; Lake Macquarie 2, Mayfield United 1.

ALLIANCE LEAGUE.—Saturday: Adamstown 2, Cardiff 1; Sunday: Wallsend 5, Newcastle Austral 0; Lake Macquarie 4, Mayfield United 1; Awaba 3, West Wallsend 1; Maitland 2, Cessnock 2.

SECOND DIVISION.—Young Wallsend 1, Jesmond 1; Pan Hellenic 6, Charlestown 1; Dudley-Redhead 7, Merewether 4; Weston 3, Swansea-Belmont 3; Slavia United 1, Kearsley 0.

SECOND DIVISION.—Reserve grade: Weston 0, Swansea-Belmont 3; Young Wallsend 0, Jesmond 1; Pan Hellenic 1, Charlestown 4; Slavia United 2, Kearsley 1; Dudley-Redhead 7, Merewether 0.

THIRD DIVISION.—The Entrance 3, Bellbird 6; Toronto Diggers 2, Macquarie Wanderers 2; Barnsley 2, South Wallsend 5; Nelson Bay 1, Newcastle Technical College 1; Teachers' College v. Stockton, result not forwarded.

AMPOL AND DANIELS CUP COMPETITION

Although not customary to provide tables for cup competitions, there are many statistically-minded enthusiasts who like to follow a team's fortunes from start to finish of a season.

It is to help them that we provide tables for both the Ampol and Daniels Cups competitions, both of which were won by Wallsend. Adamstown was a finalist in the Ampol Cup and Cardiff was Wallend's opponent in the Daniels Cup final.

West Wallsend defeated Awaba in a play-off for third place in the Ampol Cup series.

Elsewhere, there is a table showing the goal-scorers in each of the three competitions—Ampol Cup, Daniels Cup and League First Division premiership.

Here are the points tables:—

AMPOL CUP

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
WALLSEND	4	3	1	0	11	6
ADAMSTOWN	5	3	1	1	9	3
WEST WALLSEND	3	2	0	1	3	2
AWABA	4	1	1	2	7	8
MAYFIELD	3	1	1	1	1	2
CARDIFF	2	1	0	1	5	4
LAKE MACQUARIE	2	1	0	1	10	2
CESSNOCK	2	0	1	1	0	1
AUSTRAL	1	0	1	1	1	4
JESMOND	1	0	0	1	1	3
MAITLAND	1	0	0	1	0	4
MEREWETHER	1	0	0	1	0	9
TOTALS	28	12	6	12	48	48

DANIELS CUP

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
WALLSEND	3	3	0	0	14	4
CARDIFF	4	3	0	1	17	4
AUSTRAL	4	2	1	1	7	4
JESMOND	3	2	0	1	8	10
LAKE MACQUARIE	3	1	1	1	7	7
ADAMSTOWN	2	1	0	1	12	3
AWABA	2	1	0	1	6	5
WEST WALLSEND	1	0	0	1	0	2
BELMONT-SWAN.	1	0	0	1	3	6
CESSNOCK	1	0	0	1	0	3
MAYFIELD	1	0	0	1	1	5
KEARSLEY	1	0	0	1	0	10
MEREWETHER	1	0	0	1	0	10
TOTALS	28	13	2	13	76	76

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THE RETURN TO F.I.F.A. -- WAS IT WISE, TOO SOON OR TIMELY?

By PAUL MACKENZIE

There is a school of thought in Soccer—and it rapidly gathers adherents—that the Australia Soccer Federation acted much too hastily in seeking readmission to the Federation of International Football Associations, which controls the game throughout the world.

I'm not a believer in that but, since it is a much discussed question it is of topical interest, so let's look at it.

It is also a question of no great concern to rank and file Northern enthusiasts for we in the North are, in many ways, only on the fringe of the problem, since the North did nothing to bring about the F.I.F.A. ban, because it did not have one player from overseas about who mthere could be any question.

Some administrators in Sydney, who have persistently refused to acknowledge that they burnt their fingers in other matters are not so reticent about this matter, probably because they can shove the blame on to the shoulders of someone else.

It is now being stated — and not in whispers either — that Australia lost not only prestige but much money and a great chance to advance its standards when it went cap-in-hand to F.I.F.A. after all the defiant claims that the Europeans, who left their clubs without clearances, were genuine migrants and that the surrender to the blandishments of Sir Stanley Rous, the F.I.F.A. president, were abject.

It is a matter of history

that when the Federation, in 1957, was disqualified by F.I.F.A., it gained players of the calibre of Baumgartner, Tamandl, Sagi, Wenzel, Ninaus and the others and that the standard of the game improved to some extent. It did not worry clubs that the players were in Australia without proper transfers. But the day of reckoning had to come and when over-ambitious administrators, think ing they were on top of the Soccer world, asked for readmission, they were badly jolted.

They not only had to fork out huge sums of hard cash but the flow of quality players dried up and cannot be made to flow again unless transfer fees of astronomical proportions are paid — fees much beyond the financial capabilities of Australian clubs. Even players on the second rung in overseas play are now costly propositions.

Administrators, who want it both ways, say Australian should have spurned F.I.F.A. for another five or 10 years, during which club football would have prospered and the overall strength and standard would have increased. It is said that one so-called advantage gained by the return of F.I.F.A. proved a handicap. That was the Everton team's visit which did nothing but show just how weak were Australian teams.

That might be one side of the medal but there is the other side which is much more interesting and at which I prefer to look.

The position is nowhere near as doleful as some would have us believe. Australia is placed just as were many other Soccer-minded countries in their early days

of striving to become a force in world Soccer. In fact, many European and Latin-American countries were much worse off than is Australia but they persevered, built wisely and succeeded — just as Australia will succeed i fit looks to the future and makes the effort. That, alone is a very good thing

BUT - - -

and it is a very and important "but" too, because the main gain from the return to F.I.F.A. is that caused by the very factor about which the shortsighted complain most — the difficulty in attracting first class players to Australia because of the huge costs involved. It is that very thing which can do most for Australia's Soccer.

It means that clubs seeking new talent will have to find it in the junior ranks they have for too long and too wilfully neglected or bring from overseas young players of promise but no reputation. Either way our Soccer, in a few seasons, will be dominated by young newcomers who will so quickly absorbed into the Australian way of life —

and football — that they, to all intents and purposes, will be Australians.

That is how it should be. If only for that fact, the return to F.I.F.A., was, to my way of thinking, as completely justified as it was necessary.

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About the point score

The Northern Soccer League premiership points score tables did not change a great deal in the first half of the competitions but some of the tall poppies are falling as the season draws on.

Wallsend got its come-and-uppance at Wallsend on Sunday — this was Austral's "home" game, by the way, so Wallsend's "home" record remains intact — when Newcastle Austral, brilliantly led by Tommy Garrett, who was also easily the best player on the ground, gave it a goal start and a trouncing.

That loss bounced Wallsend from second to third place, with Adamstown moving up to be second to the still unbeaten Lake Macquarie. And that sets the stage for a thriller on Sunday at the Palace, when Wallsend and Adamstown meet. And don't forget that Adamstown won at Adamstown in the first round after Wallsend had gained a lead.

Austral and Awaba are breathing down Wallsend's neck, only a point away.

Austral goes to Mayfield on Saturday and Awaba to Cardiff on Sunday. If they can bob up and Adamstown maintains its good run of success, Wallsend could sink out of the top four.

Cessnock is coming good at long last. Its 3-nil win at Maitland on Sunday has taken it from the bottom of the table to seventh place, it going above Cardiff and Maitland, which have also gained seven points, on goal average.

West Wallsend, which

most enthusiasts thought as the season began, would be one of the sides hardest to beat, has had a more severe fall than even Humpty-Dumpty did. This team, which, on paper, should beat most others in the League, has dropped from one of the high places to be last — and there is no signs of recovery, either. It is scoring goals, for the four teams above it have scored fewer. But eight of the 10 teams have conceded fewer.

There's very little in it in the Alliance League, in which Wallsend has a point lead from Awaba and Adamstown. Wallsend and Adamstown meet on Sunday in a match that could tell a tale, while Awaba has to cede home ground advantage to Cardiff, which is fourth on the table.

Weston slung to its unbeaten record in the Second Division by the skin of its teeth at the weekend, for it scrapped out a 3-2 winner against Belmont-Swansea, which dropped from third to fourth place.

Weston's team in the Reserve Grade, Second Division, premiership lost the lead it had from the start when it went down, 3-nil, to Belmont-Swansea which is the new leader. It might be hard to push out of the top spot from here on.

But it's Lombard-street to

a China orange that there'll be many more changes before the end, with the distinct possibility that, as in recent seasons, enthusiasts will have to get out their slide rules to figure out the averages which will decide the placings of teams.

Awaba at Cardiff.

Frame and club officials hope the inclusion of Neal and Reid, who will be the inside forwards in tomorrow's team, will sharpen Schio's play. And it needs to sharpen, since Schio has scored only one goal in the last six matches.

Cardiff has done well to capture Neal and Reid. Neal is almost 30 but, till he had an argument with Banks-town about the club's selection policy, was a successful coach of the top

side and one of its best players. He is a player with a wealth of experience and much "know how". Reid, who is 26, has been playing first grade football for seven seasons in Sydney and is said to be a top-class player.

To make way for Neal and Reid, C. Myers and J. Hobson stand down, but the defence will be that which played at Adamstown last Saturday, although Frame may switch the positions of one or two of them in an effort to counter the mercurial Awaba attack.

The "new look" Cardiff side should be well worth seeing and a good line on its ability will be gained as a result of its performance against Awaba, which may have struck top form again.

ALLIANCE LEAGUE		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
WALLSEND	10	8	1	1	40	13	17	
AWABA	10	7	2	1	26	6	16	
ADAMSTOWN	10	7	2	1	37	11	16	
CARDIFF	10	5	2	3	23	15	12	
LAKE MACQ.	10	5	1	4	28	22	11	
CESSNOCK	10	4	2	4	13	16	10	
WEST WALLSEND	10	3	2	5	21	22	8	
MAYFIELD	10	1	2	7	15	33	4	
N'CLE. AUSTRAL	10	1	1	8	8	32	3	
MAITLAND	10	1	1	8	14	55	3	
TOTALS	100	42	16	42	225	225	100	

THIRD DIVISION		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
WALLSEND	10	7	3	0	11	8	8	
AWABA	10	7	2	1	26	6	16	
ADAMSTOWN	10	7	2	1	37	11	16	
CARDIFF	10	5	2	3	23	15	12	
LAKE MACQ.	10	5	1	4	28	22	11	
CESSNOCK	10	4	2	4	13	16	10	
WEST WALLSEND	10	3	2	5	21	22	8	
MAYFIELD	10	1	2	7	15	33	4	
N'CLE. AUSTRAL	10	1	1	8	8	32	3	
MAITLAND	10	1	1	8	14	55	3	
TOTALS	100	42	16	42	225	225	100	

NORTHERN LEAGUE POINTS TABLE

HOME MATCHES

AWAY MATCHES

TOTALS

	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
LAKE MACQUARIE	4	1	0	13	5	9	3	2	0	11	8	8	10	7	3	0	24	13	17
ADAMSTOWN	5	0	0	19	10	10	1	2	2	10	14	4	10	6	2	2	29	24	14
WALLSEND	5	0	0	23	4	10	0	2	3	9	14	2	10	5	2	3	32	18	12
AUSTRAL	4	0	1	21	11	8	1	1	3	8	13	3	10	5	1	4	29	24	11
AWABA	3	1	1	13	8	7	2	0	3	15	17	4	10	5	1	4	28	25	11
MAYFIELD	2	3	0	14	11	7	1	0	4	8	13	2	10	3	3	4	22	24	9
CESSNOCK	1	3	1	12	12	5	1	0	4	7	12	2	10	2	3	5	19	24	7
CARDIFF	3	1	1	11	6	7	0	0	5	8	24	0	10	3	1	6	19	30	7
MAITLAND	2	0	3	4	11	4	1	1	3	9	15	3	10	3	1	6	13	26	7
WEST WALLSEND	2	0	3	14	16	4	0	1	4	9	14	1	10	2	1	7	23	30	5
TOTALS	31	9	10	144	94	69	10	9	31	94	144	29	100	41	18	41	238	238	100

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SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
WESTON	10	10	0	0	50	11	20
PAN HELLENIC	10	8	1	1	35	7	17
YOUNG WALL.	10	4	4	2	19	33	12
BELMONT-SWAN.	10	5	1	4	29	21	11
DUD-REDHEAD	10	5	1	4	32	32	11
JESMOND	10	4	2	4	22	22	10
KEARSLEY	10	4	1	5	19	20	9
SLAVIA UNITED	10	3	1	6	12	24	7
CHARLESTOWN	10	0	2	8	12	38	2
MEREWETHER	10	0	1	9	12	44	1
TOTALS	100	43	14	43	242	242	100

SECOND DIVISION—RESERVE GRADE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
BELMONT-SWAN.	10	8	1	1	40	8	17
WESTON	10	8	0	2	35	10	16
CHARLESTOWN	10	6	2	2	26	18	14
DUD-REDHEAD	10	6	0	4	33	19	12
YOUNG WALL.	10	5	1	4	24	20	11
SLAVIA UNITED	10	4	2	4	21	28	10
JESMOND	10	3	1	6	19	24	7
KEARSLEY	10	2	3	5	14	24	7
PAN-HELLENIC	10	2	2	6	17	29	6
MEREWETHER	10	0	0	10	3	52	0
TOTALS	10	44	12	44	232	232	10

NORTHERN SOCCER LEAGUE

FIXTURES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

FIRST DIVISION.—Saturday: Adamstown v. Mayfield United; Sunday: Lake Macquarie v. Cessnock; Newcastle Austral v. Maitland; Awaba v. Wallsend; West Wallsend v. Cardiff.

ALLIANCE LEAGUE.—Matches as in First Division. SECOND DIVISION.—Dudley-Redhead v. Jesmond; Pan Hellenic v. Young Wallsend; Slavia v. Merewether; Weston v. Charlestown; Belmont-Swansea v. Kearsley.

SECOND DIVISION.—Reserve grade: Matches as in major fixture.

THIRD DIVISION.—South Wallsend v. Hamilton Azzuri; Newcastle Technical College v. Barnsley; Bellbird v. Newcastle Teachers' College; Macquarie Wanderers v. Nelson Bay; Toronto Diggers' Club v. The Entrance; Stockton, a bye.

FIRST DIVISION MATCHES AND TEAMS

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

MAYFIELD UNITED v. N'CLE. AUSTRAL

Green with White

1. K. MINTER
2. B. SMITH
3. A. WEST
4. W. SHEEHAN
5. R. BOSLEM
6. A. LAMBKIN
7. B. LEWSAM
8. R. PRICE
9. K. McGUINNESS
10. A. SKELLEY
11. K. ROSS

Mauve with White

1. J. LANZONI
2. E. SOKOLOWSKI
3. R. DEAN
4. J. DOOLAN
5. R. MCKENZIE
6. R. LLOYD
7. K. TWIDLE
8. W. BARON
9. T. GARRETT
10. W. HARVEY
11. W. PATON

Referee: K. Urwin. L'men: W. Gardiner, A. Brown.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

CESSNOCK v. WEST WALLSEND

Gold with Black

1. M. ROBERTS
2. R. JACKSON
3. K. ROWBOTTOM
4. A. JOHNS
5. C. ALMONDS
6. T. SNEDDON
7. T. BARR
8. J. LENNARD
9. J. BARR
10. D. WILLIAMS
11. J. PEEL

Blue with White

1. W. ARMSTRONG
2. R. COOPER
3. A. WILSON
4. R. HUGHES
5. B. PEARCE
6. K. WOODS
7. W. GREEN
8. K. IRWIN
9. D. AHRENS
10. T. YEATS
11. J. SHEEN

Referee: G. Muir. L'men: A. Brown, L. Mottershead.

CARDIFF v. AWABA

Tangerine with White

1. G. TAYLOR
2. W. WALSTEAD
3. A. HOWE
4. J. O'BRIEN
5. T. ICETON
6. C. MOORE
7. M. BLACK
8. A. REID
9. D. SCHIO
10. R. NEAL
11. J. SNEDDON

Blue with Gold Stripes

1. J. SMITH
2. R. HITCHCOCK
3. W. FIELD
4. R. REYNOLDS
5. J. PRETSWELL
6. L. SHARP
7. G. PINCHES
8. D. FIELD
9. R. BURGGOYNE
10. H. GOODSIR
11. B. SHARP

Referee: R. Roth. Linesmen: W. Turner, T. Ayre.

WALLSEND v. ADAMSTOWN

Red with White

1. A. HOURIGAN
2. D. MCKENZIE
3. K. NOLAN
4. W. DAVIES
5. D. MORROW
6. D. BULLEN
7. B. MORROW
8. R. GILES
9. K. WHITMORE
10. G. GREEN
11. K. PRINGLE

White with Red & Green

1. J. DORMAN
2. J. McANALLY
3. B. DAYKIN
4. J. EASTON
5. B. CLARKE
6. J. POWER
7. D. JOHNS
8. R. BAARTZ
9. R. HOWELLS
10. W. COOK
11. C. CURRAN

Referee: W. Jones. Linesmen: J. Carlin, C. Jack.

MAITLAND v. LAKE MACQUARIE

White with Black

1. M. BAMBACH
2. L. BUSH
3. S. ELLENBACHER
4. J. MEIER
5. F. RAUCH
6. F. WOOD
7. J. SNAITH
8. M. PARKER
9. K. GRANT
10. N. SCOTT
11. H. SCHNEIDER

White with Blue & Gold

1. K. GABRIEL
2. J. HITCHCOCK
3. R. CLUNE
4. J. WOODS
5. J. WELLHAM
6. L. WALSH
7. J. DOYLE
8. W. WRIGHT
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News from Gunnedah . .

Sunday starts Gunnedah off in the 1964 Cup matches. Armidale has knocked Tamworth out of the three Cups, the Acropolis, Browning and Northern League Cups.

The Acropolis Cup is the most valuable and most keenly contested trophy in donated to the North West Association in 1956 by Mr. Peter Venardos and Mr. Theo Souris of the Acropolis Cafe in Gunnedah. Both have sons playing in Gunnedah Junior competition now. The Browning Cup was donated by Mr. Eric Browning for the reserve Grade, and the Northern League donated the Northern League Cup for under 18 competition. The method of playing is for each pair of Clubs drawn to play each other, having a home game and the combined goal score of the two matches deciding the winner. In the event of a tie or equal number of goals, a replay is played on a neutral ground.

Gunnedah boys did particularly well as Armidale on Saturday in the P.S. A.A.A. Soccer trials. The North and North West team selected to go to Sydney early in July, has six Gunnedah, three Tamworth, one Armidale and one Guyra boys in it. The three reserves are two boys from Gunnedah and one from Tamworth.

Gunnedah Club is giving as much assistance as possible to these boys as it is the firmly established policy of the club to encourage the young players and the game must progress.

Last Sunday a grudge match was played between the under 21's and over 21's. Though hotly denied by the "old blokes", the official score was one-nil in favor of the "Teenage Terrors".

'New look' Cardiff team

Cardiff Club is making a determined bid to bring its First Division team back into the winning list—not only by the inclusion of players new to the club but also by special coaching sessions.

Cardiff this week completed negotiations for the transfer from the Bankstown Club of Ray Neal, a former international and interstate player, and A. Reid.

These two players and Dulio Schio, who travels from Sydney each weekend to play with Cardiff, will be in the district today for a coaching session which Bob Frame, the club coach, has ordered as preparation for Sunday's match against

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Cardiff's two new players

Cardiff Soccer Club officials this week completed the transfer of two top Sydney players.

Ray Neal, who comes from the Bankstown Club, who has played for both N.S.W. and Australia, will play at inside left against Awaba at Cardiff next Sunday.

A. Reid, also a top inside forward or halfback from Bankstown Club, with seven years first grade experience, will partner M. Black on the right flank.

ID. Schio will play at centre forward and it is hoped that with the two new inside forwards it will bring him back to the goal scorer he was of last season.

The three Sydney players will arrive on Friday night so that coach Bob Frame will be able to have a training run with them and the rest of the team on Saturday afternoon.

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anxious to see the combination of J. Sneddon and R. Neal on the left flank. These two players being the smallest and trickiest wing pair in the North.

The teams defence remains the same as it has been for the last two matches with J. O'Brien and C. Moore working into a very strong ying-half combination.

Vale

Bill Maunders (61)

Old time Soccer supporters will mourn the death of William "Podge" Maunders who died on Thursday at Newcastle Hospital.

Podge as a centre forward carried Australia's colours against China and Canada in 1922 and England in 1924 and '25 as well as touring New Zealand.

Perhaps he is better known for his local performances with Westy "Bluebells" and New Lambton "Chatrocks" although he first achieved prominence as a member of the junior team of "Woodpeckers" which won the Richardson Cup in 1919.

His interest in other sports ran to tennis, cricket and golf.

He is survived by a son Kevin and two daughters, Pam and Helen.

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GOAL SCORERS

Ron Giles, Wallsend's inside-forward, top the goal-scoring list for the season to date.

He has scored 12 times in League premiership matches, three times in the Ampol Cup and four times in the Daniels Cup. His total of 19 goals is three more than that of Bob Burgoyne, of Awaba. Burgoyne has scored nine times in the premiership, five times in Ampol Cup play and twice in Daniels Cup.

Next on the list is Ken Whitmore, Giles' teammate who, although not scoring in the Daniels Cup, has a total of 15.

Fourth is Dulio Schio, of Cardiff, with 14 — a good effort for a player in a team well down the premiership list. He has scored six times in the premiership, three goals in the Ampol Cup and five times in the Daniels Cup.

Here's the lists:—

LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

WALLSEND—32: R. Giles 12, K. Whitmore 11, B. Morrow 5, W. Tisdale 2, J. Morrow 1, W. Davies 1.

AUSTRAL — 29: K. Twidle 9, W. Paton 4, A. Halpin 3, K. Solway 3, W. Harvey 3, T. Garrett 3, R. Lloyd 2, P. Dea n1, W. Barron 1.

ADAMSTOWN—29: W. Cook 6, A. Simmons 6, R. Howells 4, R. Dobbins 3, R. Baartz 3, C. Curran 3, D. Johns 2, B. Daykin 1, T. Garrett (Newcastle Austral) own goal.

AWABA—28: R. Burgoyne 9, D. Field 8, G. Pinches 5, B. Sharp 4, R. Hollands 1, M. Roberts (Cessnock) own goal.

LAKE MACQUARIE — 24: A. Pajkovic 9, T. Hinch-

cliffe 7, D. Wright 3, J. Doyle 3, W. Whitelaw 1, T. King 1.

WEST WALLSEND — 23: K. Urwin 4, W. Green 4, D. Ahrens 4, J. Sheen 3, K. Kaiser 3, T. Yeats 3, S. Mulawa 1, J. Hitchcock (Awaba) own goal.

MAYFIELD — 22: K. McGuinness 5, A. Skelly 4, B. Lewsam 3, K. Ross 3, R. Price 3, R. Humphris 1, W. Humphris 1, W. Sheehan 1, J. Dolan (Awaba) own goal.

CESSNOCK — 19: B. Williams 6, C. Almond 3, J. Barr 3, J. Lennard 2, J. Peel 2, A. Johns 1, R. Payne 1, T. Sneddon 1.

CARDIFF — 19: D. Schio 6, M. Black 3, A. Howe 3, R. Frame 2, C. Myers 2, R. Hobson 1, J. Sneddon 1, J. Hitchcock (Lake Macquarie) own goal.

MAITLAND — 13: N. Scott 6, Z. Meyer 2, H. Schneider 2, J. Peier 1, K. Frew 1, F. Rauch 1.

AMPOL CUP

WALLSEND — 11: K. Whitmore 4, R. Giles 3, G. Lee 2, E. Pringle 1, B. Morrow 1.

LAKE MACQUARIE — 10: D. Field 3, G. Boardman 2, T. Hinchcliffe 2, J. Woods 1, G. Mascord 1, J. Doyle 1.

ADAMSTOWN — 9: W. Cook 3, A. Simmons 2, R. Howells 2, D. Johns 1, C. Curran 1.

AWABA — 7: R. Burgoyne 5, L. Sharp 1, G. Pinches 1.

CARDIFF — 5: D. Schio 3, M. Black 2.

WEST WALLSEND — 3: K. Keiser 2, D. Ahrens 1.

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DANIELS CUP

CARDIFF — 17: D. Schio 5, M. Black 5, R. Green 2, H. Faith 2, C. Gleeson 1, R. Hobson 1, C. Moore 1.

WALLSEND — 14: R. Giles 4, B. Morrow 4, G. Lee 2, E. Pringle 2, J. Morrow 1, J. Field (Awaba) own goal.

ADAMSTOWN — 12: R. Howells 3, W. Collins 2, C. Curran 2, W. Cook 1, J. Power 1, R. Baartz 1, A. Simmons 1, R. Gregory (Kearsley) own goal.

JESMOND — 8: D. Stanyon 5, D. Black 1, J. Field 1, T. Oakey (Adams-town) own goal.

AUSTRAL — 7: W. Barron 3, K. Twidle 3, W. Brough 1.

LAKE MACQUARIE — 7: J. Doyle 2, D. Field 2, T. Hinchcliffe 2, G. Mascord 1.

AWABA — 6: H. Good-sir 3, R. Burgoyne 2, G. Pinches 1.

BELMONT - SWANSEA — 3: J. Daniels 1, G. Richardson 1, B. Drinkwater 1.

WEST WALLSEND — 1: J. Sheen.

MAYFIELD — 1: W. Sheehan.

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GORDON CONWAY TELLS WHY HE QUIT AS WESTY'S COACH

By PAUL MACKENZIE

Gordon Conway, who came to West Wallsend's rescue a few seasons ago when it was without a coach and did much to regain lost prestige for the old club, has resigned.

In his customary, straight-forward manner, Mr. Conway has given his version of the happenings which led up to him throwing in his hand. He is quick to point out that his decision was not forced on him because of personal anomosities but because, after failing to

agree with other members of the selection committee, he sought the powers of a sole selector since he thought that, in such a move, lay his only chance of pulling the side from the doldrums. But others had other views and so company was parted.

It must not be thought that Gordon Conway is deserting a sinking ship. Far from that. On his reckoning, the matter goes back much farther than the start of West Wallsend's run of defeats.

He says West Wallsend began the season well enough and, in his capacity as coach, he devised a long range plan of team building, which included Johnny Sheen and Keith Irwin, whom he was

developing to give the attack the thrust it needed. He was satisfied with the progress being made but, apparently, others were not.

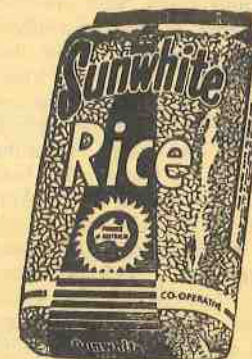
Then, says Mr. Conway, a player, obviously Tom Yeats, was transferred from Bankstown. He upset Mr. Conway's plans, since the fluidity of the forward line on which he had worked stopped. But Mr. Conway persevered in the hope that matters would work out and he worked with the other forwards in an effort to fit them to the new player's abilities but, since the player travelled from Sydney only at weekends, there was no chance of coaching him to the West Wallsend methods. Still, apparently, the West Wallsend committee was satisfied, because it arranged for the transfer of another Bankstown player to help the defence, so increasing coaching problems because of the inclusion of two weekend visitors. Mr. Conway did not think either player improved the side or that they were an improvement on players he already had.

Fearing he would be accused of bias — for and against — he decided to allow the other two selectors to choose the teams with little opposition. But, after discussing recent matches with the players, individually and collectively, at training sessions, Mr. Conway found most of them shared his views. It was then he decided to make a stand but he could not persuade the other selectors to his way of thinking.

He then asked the committee for full control of the team selection for the rest of the season. This re-

quest the committee refused, so Mr. Conway considered it better for all concerned if he withdrew for, as he says, "had no intention of trying to coach any more teams of which I did not wholly approve."

There it is — Gordon Conway's story, matter of fact, unvarnished and in no manner critical of anyone. No doubt, there are those in the West Wallsend camp who see things differently. They might like to have a say. They most certainly available to them for that purpose.



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SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

There were no surprise results last weekend, although Belmont-Swansea gave premiership leaders Weston, some anxious moments after conceding ground advantage they were only defeated 2-3.

Merewether is at home to Pan Hellenic on Saturday and the visitors should have no difficulty in annexing the two points but a slow improvement being shown by the Merewether forwards will not allow Pan Hellenic to take this match easily.

Each of the Sunday matches, in their own sphere, being and attractive. The first being at Jesmond, where the home team will be opposed to Belmont-Swansea. Only one point separates these two teams who both have a chance of making the semi-finals, so a win to either team is vital and important. Belmont-Swansea has a slightly better goal average than Jesmond and for that reason I think they may have just a very slight advantage.

Weston journey to Kearsley and ordinarily should have no difficulty in winning this match, as eleven points separate the two teams, but Kearsley ground, particularly after rain, is difficult to handle, so it will all depend upon the ability of Weston players to adjust themselves to the conditions of the day. Weston should have a comfortable win, but this could be the day when an upset could occur.

Charlestown will be at home to Slavia United and the visitors should be able to record another win.

Dudley-Redhead journey to Young Wallsend and with one point separating these two teams, another close vital game should be witnessed. This match will be a toss up as to who the ultimate winner will be, as Dudley-Redhead has apparently stronger forwards and weaker defence compared with the weaker forwards and stronger defence of Young Wallsend, so it should really develop into a battle of probing in an

endeavour to penetrate and a drawn game would not surprise me.

This weekend sees the commencement of the second round in the Third Division holding a slender lead of one point from Bellbird, followed by Nelson Bay then South Wallsend, then Toronto Diggers, with a point separating each team.

Saturday will see two matches played, the deferred fixture, Barnsley v. Macquarie Wanderers and what could be a very attractive fixture, Hamilton Azzuri v. Toronto Diggers. Four points separate these teams, so Azzuri should win the match, but the Diggers will be making an all out bid for a win, as they know Macquarie Wanderers, with two matches to play, could move ahead of them on the premiership table. So far Azzuri have proved superior in all departments, but the Diggers are a young team and speed may possibly upset the opposition.

The Entrance will entertain Macquarie Wanderers and although the visitors will have had a hard match the day before, they should have no difficulty in returning home with the two points.

Stockton will be the venue on Sunday for another interesting clash, when Nelson Bay meet Bellbird, as there is practically nothing between these two teams, although Nelson Bay lost a point with an unexpected draw, but the week prior to that, both teams were on equal points. Bellbird goal scorers were 44-14, compared 45-17. Whilst I favour Bellbird to win, ground advantage may be a big asset to Nelson Bay and could swing the tide in their favour.

The clash of the students will take place at Tighes lege meets Newcastle Hill, when Teachers' College meets Newcastle Tech. and this should result in a win for the visitors.

The remaining fixture sees Barnsley at home to Stockton and this should result in a win to Barnsley.

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It's black from now on for Referees!

Things are going to be black from now on for our referees. Where once they were white as the driven snow, now they are being forced to regard things in more sombre hues. In fact, it is a black future for them.

This is the weekend when the tooters discard their all-white uniform of shirts and shorts and go into black garb.

This brings Newcastle's referees into line with the rest of the Soccer-playing world.

We had a preview of the new uniform when the Northern XI played Everton at Newcastle Sportsground a few weeks ago and right smart did the referee and linesmen look.

The new lack-lustre uniform is designed to make a referee less conspicuous. It has been proved, over the years overseas, that the all black dress does tend to make an official less notice-

able. And that, of course, is the ideal, although one doubts that some of the referees will be satisfied to remain out of the picture, as it were, and will make sure they are noticed by blowing longer and louder blasts on their whistles. But the majority will do the right thing and seek to keep themselves out of the limelight.

Those who do not should be disciplined by their own association.

But, perhaps, the tooters will, clad in inconspicuous uniform, be able to convince us that black, after all, is white and that they are not as black as some disgruntled supporters would paint them.

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